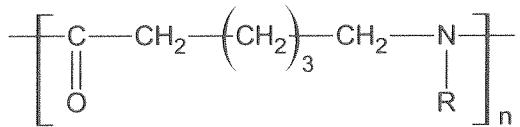


AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS

Please amend the currently pending claims as follows:

1. (Previously Presented) An endless seamed flexible belt comprising a first end and a second end, each of the first end and the second end comprising a plurality of mutually mating elements which join in an interlocking relationship to form a seam, the belt comprising a substrate and the seam comprising an adhesive comprising an alcohol-soluble polyamide having the following general formula:



wherein R is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen; alkyl having from about 1 to about 20 carbons, alkoxy having from about 1 to about 20 carbons, alkyl alkoxy having from about 1 to about 20 carbons, and alkylene alkoxy having from about 1 to about 20 carbons, and wherein n is a number from about 50 to about 1,000.

2. Cancelled

3. (Previously Presented) An endless seamed flexible belt in accordance with claim 1, wherein said alcohol-soluble polyamide comprises pendant groups selected from the group consisting of methoxy, ethoxy and hydroxy pendant groups.

4. (Original) An endless seamed flexible belt in accordance with claim 3, wherein said pendant groups are methylene methoxy pendant groups.

5. Cancelled

6. (Previously Presented) An endless seamed flexible belt in accordance with claim 1, wherein R is a methylene methoxy group.

7. (Original) An endless seamed flexible belt in accordance with claim 1, wherein said adhesive further comprises an electrically conductive filler.

8. (Original) An endless seamed flexible belt in accordance with claim 7, wherein said electrically conductive filler is a quaternary ammonium salt.

9. (Original) An endless seamed flexible belt in accordance with claim 7, wherein said electrically conductive filler is selected from the group consisting of carbon fillers, metal oxide fillers, polymer fillers, charge transporting molecules, and mixtures thereof.

10. (Original) An endless seamed flexible belt in accordance with claim 9, wherein said electrically conductive filler is a carbon filler selected from the group consisting of carbon black, graphite, fluorinated carbon, and mixtures thereof.

11. (Original) An endless seamed flexible belt in accordance with claim 9, wherein said electrically conductive filler is a metal oxide filler selected from the group consisting of titanium dioxide, tin oxide, indium tin oxide, iron oxide, aluminum oxide, and mixtures thereof.

12. (Original) An endless seamed flexible belt in accordance with claim 9, wherein said electrically conductive filler is a polymer filler selected from the group consisting of polypyrrole, polyacrylonitrile, polythiophene, polyaniline and mixtures thereof.

13. (Original) An endless seamed flexible belt in accordance with claim 9, wherein said electrically conductive filler is a charge transporting molecule selected from the group consisting of bis(dihydroxy diethylamino) triphenyl methane, bis(diethylamino) triphenyl methane, dihydroxy tetraphenyl biphenylene diamine, and mixtures thereof.

14. (Original) An endless seamed flexible belt in accordance with claim 1, wherein said adhesive is crosslinked.

15. (Original) An endless seamed flexible belt in accordance with claim 14, wherein said adhesive is crosslinked using oxalic acid as a crosslinking agent.

16. (Previously Presented) An endless seamed flexible belt in accordance with claim 15, wherein said adhesive comprises an electrically conductive filler selected from the group consisting of carbon black, graphite, fluorinated carbon, silicon particles, and mixtures thereof.

17. (Original) An endless seamed flexible belt in accordance with claim 1, wherein said substrate comprises a polymer selected from the group consisting of polyimide and polycarbonate.

18. (Previously Presented) An endless seamed flexible belt in accordance with claim 17, wherein said polyimide is a polyaniline polyimide blend.

19. (Previously Presented) An endless seamed flexible belt in accordance with claim 1, wherein said seam has a volume resistivity of from about 10^1 to about 10^{13} ohms-cm.

20. (Previously Presented) An endless seamed flexible belt in accordance with claim 19, wherein said seam has a volume resistivity of from about 10^9 to about 10^{11} ohm-cm.

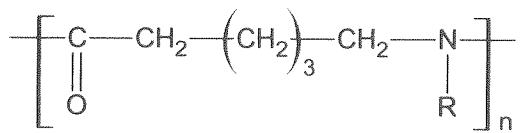
21. (Original) An endless seamed flexible belt in accordance with claim 1, wherein said belt is an intermediate transfer belt.

22. (Original) An endless seamed flexible belt in accordance with claim 1, wherein said plurality of mutually mating elements are in the form of a puzzle cut pattern.

23. (Original) An endless seamed flexible belt in accordance with claim 22, wherein said mutually mating elements comprise a first projection and a second receptacle geometrically oriented so that said second receptacle on the first end receives the first projection on the second end and wherein said first projection on said first end is received by said second receptacle on the second end to form a joint between the first and second ends.

24. (Original) An endless seamed flexible belt in accordance with claim 23, wherein said first projection and said second receptacle are curved.

25. (Previously Presented) An endless seamed flexible belt comprising a first end and a second end, each of the first end and the second end comprising a plurality of mutually mating elements which join in an interlocking relationship to form a seam, said belt comprising a polyimide substrate, and the seam comprising an adhesive comprising an alcohol-soluble polyamide and an electrically conductive filler, wherein said alcohol-soluble polyimide has the following general formula:



wherein R is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen; alkyl having from about 1 to about 20 carbons, alkoxy having from about 1 to about 20 carbons, alkyl alkoxy having from about 1 to about 20 carbons, and alkylene alkoxy having from about 1 to about 20 carbons, and wherein n is a number of from about 50 to about 1,000.

26. (Cancelled)